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SUBJECT: NEW CRS AGREEMENT SIGNED

REF BUJUMBURA 338 (NOTAL)

1. MONSIGNOR KAISER OF CRS NEW YORK PRESENTED CRS COUNTER-PROPOSAL FOR NEW CRS-BURUNDI GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT IOKAEDFARD NDUWAYO, DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, ON JUNE 15.

2. AGREEMENT SIGNED BY KAISER AND NDUWAYO JUNE 19 AFTER PERSONAL REVIEW BY FOREIGN MINISTER SIMBANANIYE AND NEGOTIATION OF CERTAIN ITEMS. FINAL PRODUCT QUITE CLOSE TO CRS PROPOSAL. MOST IMPORTANT CHANGE WAS SUBSTITUTION OF INDIRECT LANGUAGE (ALONG LINES CRS-SENEGAL AGREEMENT) IN DISCUSSION OF PUTTING PROMPT END TO ANY MISUSE CRS COMMODITIES. AFTER SIGNING, NDUWAYO SAID HE HIMSELF WOULD BE GRB LIASON OFFICER FOR CRS, AT LEAST UNTIL PROGRAM WELL-ESTABLISHED.

3. KAISER RECOMMENDING TRANSFER BURUNDI CRS DIRECTOR COLIN CLARK. ASSUMING GRB CONCURRENCE, SISTER DOLORES WILL PROCEED TO START PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM. NEW DIRECTOR TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASSIGNED TO ARRIVE BEFORE FIRST NEW COMMODITY SHIPMENTS TDO,

PROBABLY THREE OR FOUR MONTHS FROM NOW.

4. COMMENT: NEW AGREEMENT IS BIG STEP FORWARD, AND
NDUWAYO'S TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIAISON PROVIDES
OPPORTUNITY TO GET CRS PROGRAM UNDERWAY UNDER OPTIMUM
CONDITIONS. SITUATION NEVERTHELESS REMAINS FULL OF SNARES,
AND, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT CONTINUING SUSPICION AMONG SOME
GRB OFFICIALS, CHANCES FOR SUCCESS WILL DEPEND HEAVILY ON
CALIBER NEW CRS DIRECTOR.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PASS GIST ABOVE TO CRS NEW
YORK, STATING ALSO THAT SITUATION HAS EVOLVED MUCH AS
ENVISAGED IN KAISER'S REPORT OF JUNE 17, NOW EN ROUTE TO
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